lying vacant in various zones of the Indian Railways and officers who are holding additional charge are as follows:

Details of the posts of General Managers lying vacant in various Zones	Date since the post is vacant	Details of the General Managers holding additional charge.
General Manager/Northeast Railway	01.04.04	General Manager, Eastern Frontier Railway
General Manager/Southern Railway	01.08.04	General Manager, Integral Coach Factory
General Manager/North Western Railway	01.08.04	General Manager, Northern Railway
General Manager/South Western Railway	01.08.04	General Manager, Central Railway

(c) Due to the superannuation/promotion of earlier incumbents, posts of General Managers of Northeast Frontier, Southern, North Western and South Western Zonal Railways have fallen vacant. The General Managers of the adjoining Railways/Production Units are looking after the work/holding additional charge of the post of General Manager in these Railways. Steps to fill up the vacancies have already been initiated and proposals submitted for approval of the competent authority.

Collaboration with Japan

282. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways in collaboration with Japan is working on a project to introduce high-speed magnetic trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether any delegation/officials from Japan visited India in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the discussions held between India and Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.